

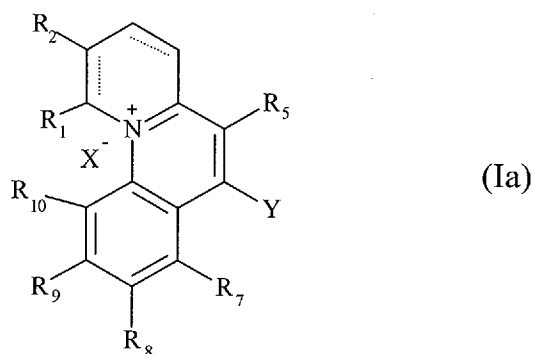
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 24 and 26, and amend claims 23, 25, and 27 as provided in the following Claims Listing.

Claims Listing:

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled).

23. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of a pathology associated with the constriction of smooth muscle cells selected from arterial hypertension and asthma in a subject in need thereof, said method comprising administering to said subject a compound of formula (Ia):



in which:

- R₁ and R₂ represent a hydrogen atom,
- R₅ represents a hydrogen atom, or a linear or substituted alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or an ester of formula COOR' in which R' represents a linear or substituted alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms,
- Y represents an -OH, -SH, or -NH₂ group,
- each of R₇, R₈, R₉, and R₁₀ is, independently, a hydrogen, chlorine, bromine, or

fluorine atom, and

- X represents an anion.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~24~~ 23, wherein said pathology is arterial hypertension.

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~26~~ 23, wherein said pathology is asthma.

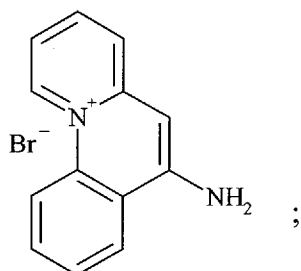
28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein X is chloride, bromide, or perchlorate.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein R₅ is a butyl group.

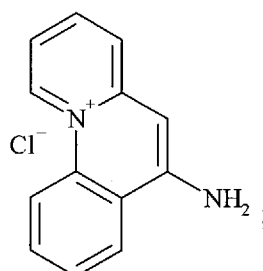
30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein R' is an ethyl group.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said compound of formula (Ia) is selected from the following compounds:

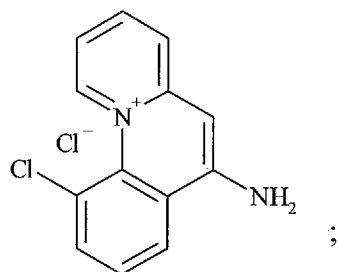
compound 13 (MPB-01)



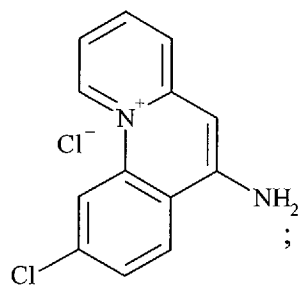
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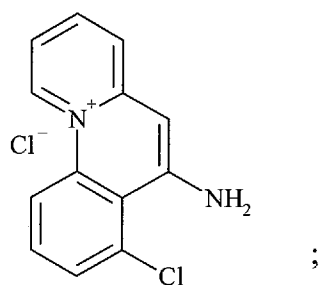
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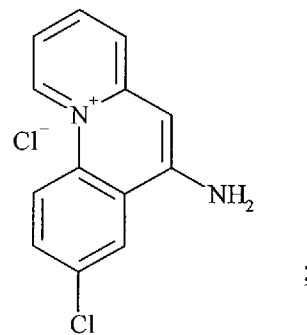
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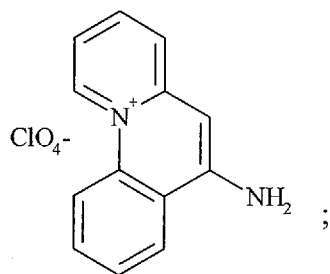
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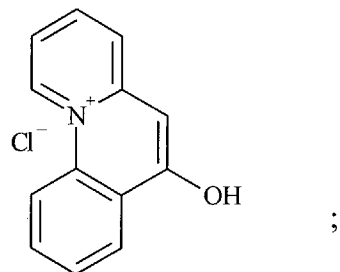
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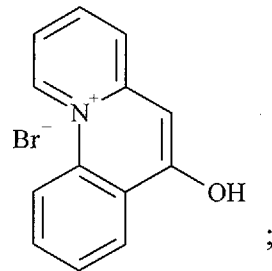
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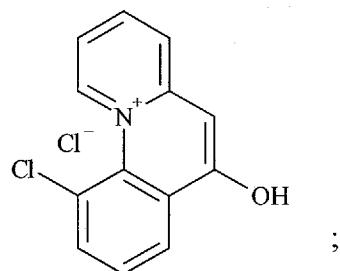
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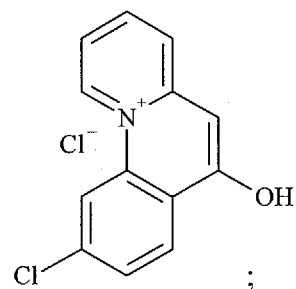
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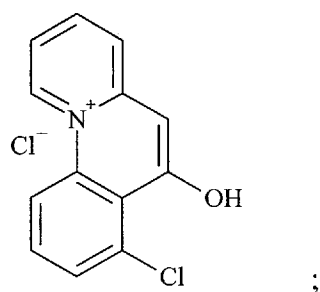
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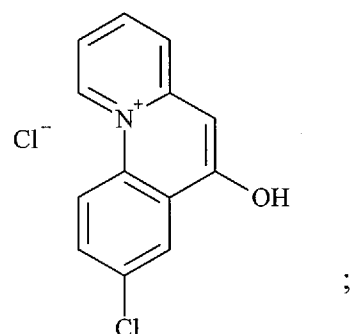
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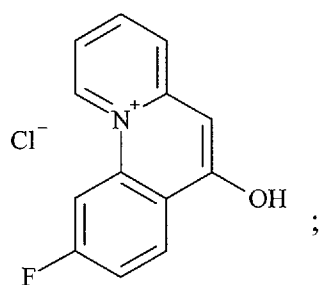
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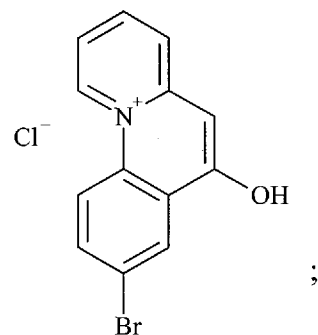
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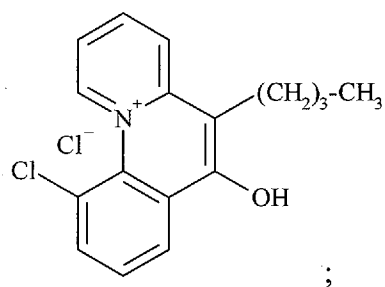
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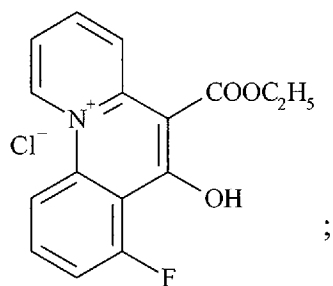
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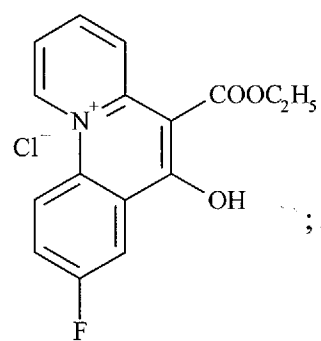
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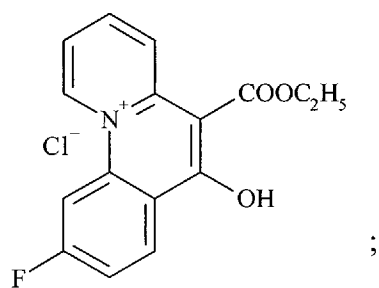
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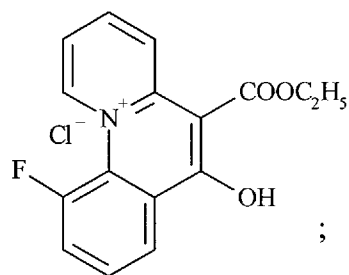
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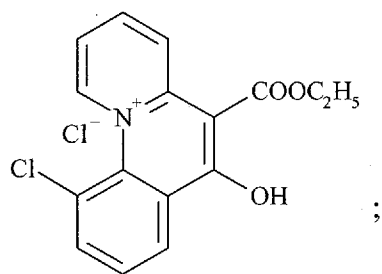
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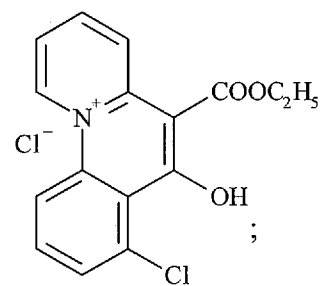
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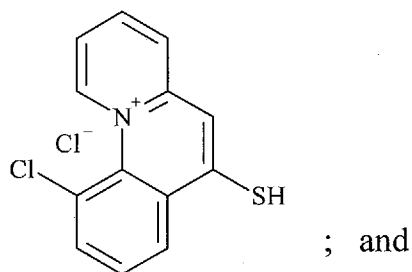
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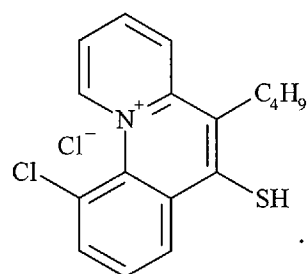
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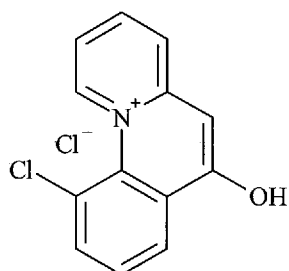


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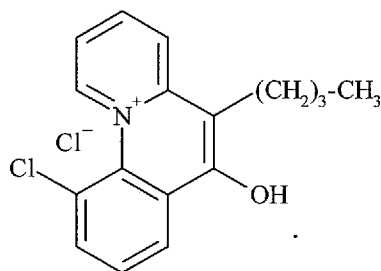
32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said compound of formula (Ia) is MPB-07 of the following formula:

compound 19 (MPB-07)



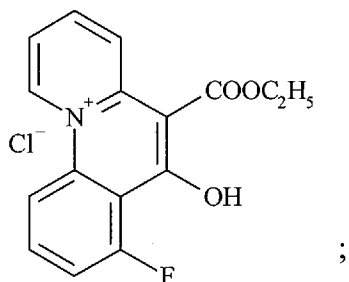
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said compound of formula (Ia) is MPB-91 of the following formula:

compound MPB-91

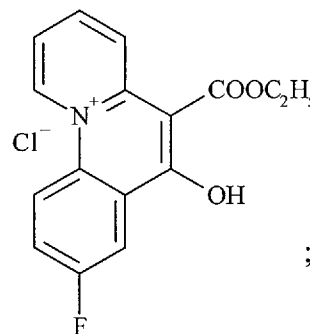


34. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from:

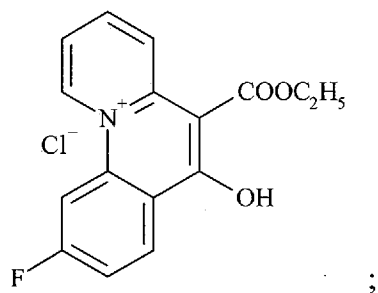
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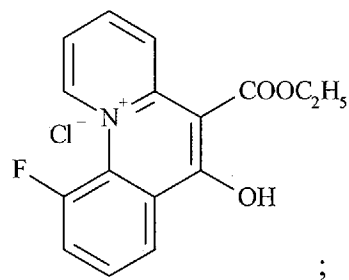
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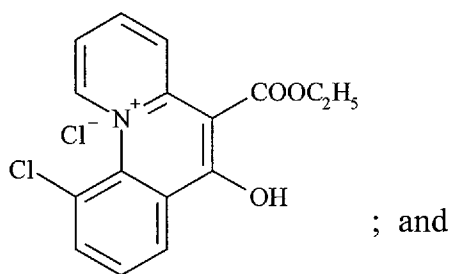
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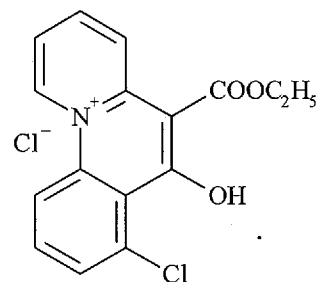
compound MPB 77



compound MPB 87

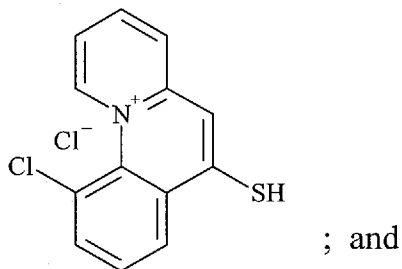


compound MPB 88

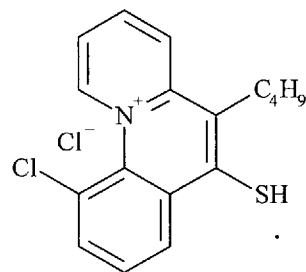


35. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from:

compound MPB 102



compound MPB 103



36. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 34 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

37. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 35 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.